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In re application of:

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For: ULTRA HIGH MOLECULAR WEIGHT POLYETHYLENE MOLDED ARTICLE FOR
ARTIFICIAL JOINTS AND METHOD OF PREPARING THE SAME

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AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner
of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: April 2, 1997

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated December 2, 1996, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 14, delete "It has been passed thirty" and insert --Thirty--; after "more" insert --have passed--;

line 19, delete "come to be" and insert --been--;

line 20 through 26, delete entire sentence and insert --On the other hand,

however, serious problems have occurred, particularly late appearing complications caused by total joint arthroplasty, a high rate of "loosening" in the implant components, and the necessity of revision of the joint with a surgical operation due to osteolysis around the implanted artificial joint.

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